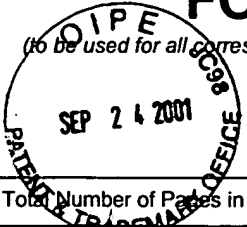
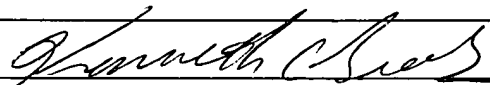


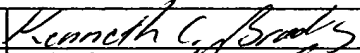
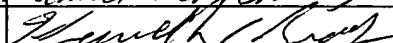
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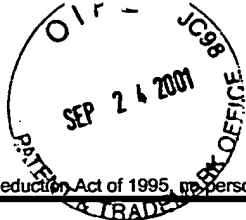
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Sir:

Applicants and Assignee hereby petition to amend the inventive entity in the above-identified patent application to **include three (3) additional co-inventors**, namely, Xinliang Lu, Ken Kaung Lai and Karl A. Littau pursuant to 37 CFR 1.48(a). Applicants and Assignee also hereby petition to amend the inventive entity in the above-identified patent application to **remove three (3) co-inventors**, namely, Jeong Soo Byun, Lawrence Chung-Lai Lei and Hua Chung pursuant to 37 CFR section 1.48(a). To that end, under 37 CFR 1.48(a)(1), please find accompanying this petition as Exhibits A, B and C, D, E, and F, statements from each of the aforementioned individuals, respectively, affirming that an error in inventorship occurred without deceptive intent.

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.48(a)(2), please also find accompanying this petition a Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney executed by the actual inventors, namely, Ming Xi; Ashok Sinha; Moris Kori; Alfred W. Mak; Xinliang Lu; Ken Kaung Lai; and Karl A. Littau, comporting with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.63.

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Attached as Exhibit G, is the Consent of the Assignee in order to amend the inventive entity to include Xinliang Lu, Ken Kaung Lai and Karl A. Littau. Included with Exhibit G is a statement under 37 CFR section 3.73(b) establishing the right of the assignee to take action in the above-identified United States patent application, with supporting papers.

Finally, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.48(a)(3) authorization is given via the enclosed fee transmittal sheet to charge the requisite petition fee of \$130.00, as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(i).

Based upon the foregoing, the Applicants and Assignee respectfully request that the petition be granted to amend the inventive entity to consist of the following individuals: Ming Xi; Ashok Sinha; Moris Kori; Alfred W. Mak; Xinliang Lu; Ken Kaung Lai; and Karl A. Littau.

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Statement of Xinliang Lu Under 37 CFR § 1.48(a)(1)

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I, XINLIANG LU, states as follows:

1. I am over the age of eighteen years and am a co-inventor of the invention defined by the claims, in the above-identified patent application, by virtue of my contribution to the same and my Declaration under 37 CFR section 1.63 that is attached hereto.

2. I make this statement in support of a Petition Under 37 CFR § 1.48(a), which I am informed, and which I believe, will be filed herewith to amend the inventorship of the above-identified patent application to include myself.

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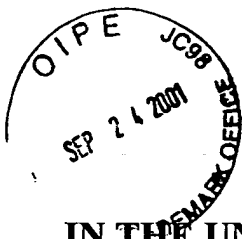

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Statement of Ken Kaung Lai Under 37 CFR § 1.48(a)(1)

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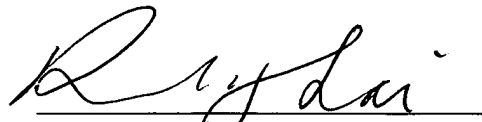

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Statement of Karl A. Littau Under 37 CFR § 1.48(a)(1)

I, KARL A. LITTAU, states as follows:

1. I am over the age of eighteen years and am a co-inventor of the invention defined by the claims, in the above-identified patent application, by virtue of my contribution to the same and my Declaration under 37 CFR section 1.63 that is attached hereto.

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Date: 8/10/01


Karl A. Littau

EXHIBIT C



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Statement of Jeong Soo Byun Under 37 CFR § 1.48(a)(1)

I, JEONG SOO BYUN, states as follows:

1. I am over the age of eighteen years and am a co-inventor of the invention defined by the claims, in the above-identified patent application.

2. I make this statement in support of a Petition Under 37 CFR § 1.48(a), which I am informed, and which I believe, will be filed herewith to amend the inventorship of the above-identified patent application to remove myself Jeong Soo Byun, a citizen of South Korea having a residence address of 20975 Valley Green Drive #257, Cupertino, California 95014.

3. The addition of myself, Jeong Soo Byun resulted in an error in the inventorship of the above-identified patent application that occurred without any deceptive intent on my part.

Date:

8/10/2001

J. S. Byun
Jeong Soo Byun

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Statement of Lawrence Chung-Lai Lei Under 37 CFR § 1.48(a)(1)

I, LAWRENCE CHUNG-LAI LEI, states as follows:

1. I am over the age of eighteen years and am a co-inventor of the invention defined by the claims, in the above-identified patent application.
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3. The addition of myself, Lawrence Chung-Lai Lei resulted in an error in the inventorship of the above-identified patent application that occurred without any deceptive intent on my part.

Date: 8/10/01


Lawrence Chung-Lai Lei

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Statement of Hua Chung Under 37 CFR § 1.48(a)(1)

I, HUA CHUNG, states as follows:

1. I am over the age of eighteen years and am a co-inventor of the invention defined by the claims, in the above-identified patent application.

2. I make this statement in support of a Petition Under 37 CFR § 1.48(a), which I am informed, and which I believe, will be filed herewith to amend the inventorship of the above-identified patent application to remove myself, Hua Chung, a citizen of Taiwan having a residence address of 4645 Piper Drive, San Jose, California 95129.

3. The addition of myself, Hua Chung resulted in an error in the inventorship of the above-identified patent application that occurred without any deceptive intent on my part.

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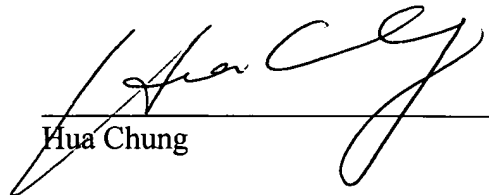

Hua Chung

EXHIBIT F

COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

This declaration is of the following type:

- ☐ original
- ☐ divisional
- ☐ continuation
- ☒ continuation-in-part

**MING XI, ASHOK SINHA, MORIS KORI, ALFRED W. MAK, XINLIANG LU, KEN KAUNG LAI AND
KARL A. LITTAU**

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name. I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

TITLE OF INVENTION

**METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DEPOSITING REFRACTORY METAL LAYERS EMPLOYING
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SPECIFICATION IDENTIFICATION

The specification of which:

- ☐ is attached hereto
- ☒ was filed on October 3, 2001, having Serial No. 09/678,266 and was amended on _____ (if applicable)
- ☐ was described and claimed in PCT International Application No. _____ filed on _____ and as amended under PCT Article 19 on _____.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF REVIEW OF PAPERS AND DUTY OF CANDOR

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information I know to be material to patentability in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, 1.56,

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I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119, of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or of any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America or of any United States Provisional Application(s) listed below, and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by me on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application(s) of which priority is claimed.

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120, of any United States application(s) or PCT international application(s) designating the United States of America that is/are listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in that/those prior application(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information that is material to the examination of this application (namely, information where there is substantial likelihood that a reasonable Examiner would consider it important in deciding whether to allow the application to issue as a patent) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application(s) and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

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POWER OF ATTORNEY

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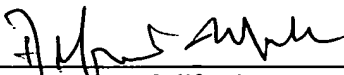
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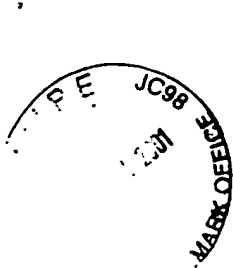
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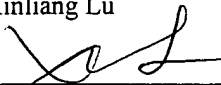
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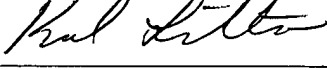
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Examiner: Unassigned

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2. I proffer this consent in support of a Petition Under 37 CFR § 1.48(a), which I am informed, and which I believe, will be filed herewith to amend the inventorship of the above-identified patent application to include Xinliang Lu, a citizen of the People's Republic of China having a residence address of 685 Garland Avenue #54, Sunnyvale, California 94086; Ken Kaung Lai, a citizen of Taiwan having a residence address of 1354 Terra Alta Drive, Milpitas, California 95035; and Karl A. Littau, a citizen of the United States of America having a residence address of 3278 Bryant Street, Palo Alto, California 94303. I also proffer this consent to amend the inventorship of the above-identified patent application to remove Jeong Soo Byun, a citizen of South Korea having a residence address of 20975 Valley Green Drive #257, Cupertino, California 95014; Lawrence Chung-Lai Lei, a citizen of the United States of America having a residence address of 1594 Country Club Drive, Milpitas, California 95035; and Hua Chung, a citizen of Taiwan having a residence address of 4645 Piper Drive, San Jose, California 95129.

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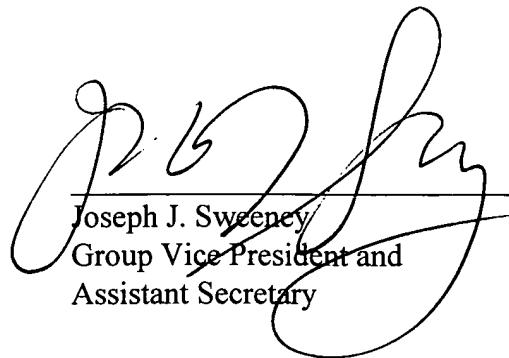

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Applicant: Xi, et al.

PATENT APPLICATION

Serial No: 09/678,266

Group Art Unit: 1762

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DEPOSITING REFRACTORY
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TECHNIQUES TO FORM A NUCLEATION LAYER

Supplemental Sheet to Statement Under 3.73(b) Listing Documents In

The Chain of Title

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From: Ashok Sinha	To: Applied Materials, Inc.
From: Morris Kori	To: Applied Materials, Inc.
From: Alfred W. Mak	To: Applied Materials, Inc.
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Applicant/Patent Owner: Joseph J. Sweeney

Application No./Patent No.: 09/678,266 Filed/Issue Date: October 3, 2000

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DEPOSITING REFRACTORY METAL LAYERS EMPLOYING
Entitled: SEQUENTIAL DEPOSITION TECHNIQUES TO FORM A NUCLEATION LAYER

APPLIED MATERIALS, INC., a Delaware Corporation
(Name of Assignee) (Type of Assignee, e.g., corporation, partnership, university, government agency, etc.)

states that it is:

1. ☐ the assignee of the entire right, title, and interest; or
2. ☒ an assignee of an undivided part interest

in the patent application/patent identified above by virtue of either:

- A. ☐ An assignment from the inventor(s) of the patent application/patent identified above. The assignment was recorded in the Patent and Trademark Office at Reel _____, Frame _____, or for which a copy thereof is attached.

OR

- B. ☒ A chain of title from the inventor(s), of the patent application/patent identified above, to the current assignee as shown below:

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The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is empowered to sign this statement on behalf of the assignee.

September 5, 2001
Date

[Signature]
Signature
Joseph J. Sweeney
Typed or printed name

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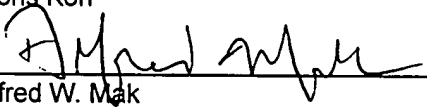
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NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of good and valuable consideration acknowledged by said Assignors to have been received in full from said Assignee:

1. Said Assignors hereby sell, assign, transfer and convey to Assignee the full and exclusive right, title and interest (a) in and to said Application and said Invention; (b) in and to all rights to apply for patents on said Invention in any and all countries pursuant to the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property or otherwise; (c) in and to any and all Applications filed and any and all Patents granted on said Invention in any and all countries and groups of countries, including each and every Application filed and each and every Patent granted on any application which is a division, substitution, or continuation of said Application; and (d) in and to each and every reissue or extension of any of said Patents.

2. Said Assignors hereby covenant and agree to cooperate with said Assignee to enable said Assignee to enjoy to the fullest extent the right, title and interest to said Invention herein conveyed in any and all countries and groups of countries. Such cooperation by said Assignors shall include prompt production of pertinent facts and documents, giving testimony, execution of petitions, oaths, specifications, declarations or other papers, and other assistance all to the extent deemed necessary or desirable by said Assignee (a) for perfecting in said Assignee the right, title and interest herein conveyed; (b) for prosecuting any of said applications; (c) for filing and prosecuting substitute, divisional, continuing or additional applications covering said Invention; (d) for filing and prosecuting applications for reissuance of any of said Patents; (e) for interference or other priority proceedings involving said Invention; and (f) for legal proceedings involving said Invention and any application therefore and any Patents granted thereon,

including without limitation opposition proceedings, cancellation proceedings, priority contests, public use proceedings, infringement actions and court actions; provided, however, that the expense incurred by said Assignors in providing such cooperation shall be paid for by said Assignee.

3. The term and covenants of this agreement shall inure to the benefit of said Assignee, its successors, assigns and other legal representatives, and shall be binding upon said Assignors, their respective heirs, legal representatives and assigns.

4. Said Assignors hereby warrant and represent that they have not entered and will not enter into any assignment, contract, or understanding in conflict herewith.

5. Said Assignors hereby authorize and request the attorneys of record to insert, where indicated above, the application number and filing date of said application when known.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said Assignors have executed and delivered this instrument to said Assignee on the dates indicated below.

1) _____, 2001

Xinliang Lu

2) _____, 2001

Ken Kaung Lai

3) 8/10, 2001


Karl A. Littau